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I. INTRODUCTION BY THE CHAIRMAN OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE

1. The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development held its organizational session in New York from 5 to 16 March 1990. The Committee was able to achieve consensus on all of the items on its agenda, including decisions on the organization and agenda for its future work and the mandate of the Conference secretariat, as well as encourage regional and other contributions from the entire United Nations system and other bodies that have contributions to offer to the preparatory process now getting under way. The Preparatory Committee also elected its bureau of vice-chairmen and rapporteur and opened a voluntary fund to support the participation in the preparatory process of developing countries, especially the least developed countries. This consensus was due largely to the spirit of co-operation demonstrated by all groups, working together to secure the twin objectives of protecting the global environment and promoting the development of all countries.

2. The results achieved have been based on the mandate laid down for the Preparatory Committee in General Assembly resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989, and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions.

3. The Preparatory Committee can now look forward to the first substantive session at Nairobi with confidence and optimism. The tasks ahead are challenging and expectations are high. But, based on the goodwill and co-operative spirit so amply demonstrated at the organizational session, and with the support of the able Secretary-General of the Conference, Mr. Maurice Strong, and his colleagues, the Preparatory Committee is ready to embark upon the next stage of its work.

II. ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

A. Opening and duration of the session

4. The Preparatory Committee held its organizational session at United Nations Headquarters from 5 to 16 March 1990. The Committee held 14 meetings and a number of informal meetings.

5. The session was opened by the Secretary-General, who made an introductory statement.

6. At the 1st meeting, on 5 March, the Secretary-General of the Conference made an introductory statement.

B. Attendance

7. The following States were represented: Algeria, Angola, Argentina, Australia, Austria, Bahamas, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Barbados, Belgium, Belize, Benin, Bhutan, Bolivia, Botswana, Brazil, Brunei Darussalam, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Cameroon, Canada, Chad, Chile, China, Colombia, Congo, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cuba, Cyprus, Czechoslovakia, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Democratic Yemen, Denmark, Djibouti, Ecuador, Egypt, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, German Democratic Republic, Germany, Federal Republic of, Ghana, Greece, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Holy See, Hungary, Iceland, India, Indonesia, Iraq, Ireland, Israel, Italy, Jamaica, Japan, Jordan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Lesotho, Liberia, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Luxembourg, Madagascar, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Malta, Mauritania, Mexico, Mongolia, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Nepal, Netherlands, New Zealand, Nicaragua, Niger, Nigeria, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Rwanda, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Sao Tome and Principe, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Singapore, Spain, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Sweden, Switzerland, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Trinidad and Tobago, Tunisia, Turkey, Uganda, Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, United Republic of Tanzania, United States of America, Uruguay, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen, Yugoslavia, Zaire, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

8. The United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Environment Programme and the World Food Council were represented.

9. The following specialized agencies were represented: International Labour Organisation, Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, World Health Organization, World Bank, International Monetary Fund, International Telecommunication Union, World Meteorological Organization, International Fund for Agricultural Development and United Nations Industrial Development Organization.

10. The International Atomic Energy Agency was also represented.

11. The following intergovernmental organisations were represented: Asian-African Legal Consultative Committee, Commonwealth Secretariat, Commission of the European Communities and Organization of American States.

12. The following non-governmental organisations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council attended the session:

Category I: International Confederation of Free Trade Unions
International Council of Women
International Organization of Consumers Unions
World Federation of United Nations Associations

Category II: American Association of Retired Persons
Friends World Committee for Consultation
International Association for Religious Freedom
International Social Service
Lutheran World Federation
World Alliance of Young Men's Christian Associations
World Association for World Federation

C. Election of officers

13. At its 1st meeting, on 5 March, the Preparatory Committee elected Mr. Tommy Koh (Singapore) Chairman of the Committee by acclamation.

14. At its 13th meeting, on 16 March, the Preparatory Committee decided that the Bureau of the Committee would comprise a Chairman, 39 Vice-Chairmen and a Rapporteur. The Preparatory Committee also decided that the post that Brazil would occupy ex-officio on the Bureau would be in the capacity of a Vice-Chairman. At the same meeting, the Committee elected by acclamation the following eight Vice-Chairmen from Latin American and Caribbean States: Argentina, Barbados, Colombia, Costa Rica, Jamaica, Mexico, Peru and Venezuela.

15. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee elected, by secret ballot, the following 11 Vice-Chairmen from African States: Egypt, Djibouti, Kenya, Mauritania, Mozambique, Senegal, Togo, Tunisia, Uganda, Zaire and Zambia; the following nine Vice-Chairmen from Asian States: Bangladesh, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kuwait, Malaysia, Pakistan and Papua New Guinea; the following four Vice-Chairmen from Eastern European States: Czechoslovakia, Poland, Union of Soviet Socialist Republics and Yugoslavia; and the following seven from Western European and Other States: Australia, France, Germany, Federal Republic of, Italy, Sweden, United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland and United States of America.

16. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee elected, by secret ballot, Mr. Ahmed Djoghlaf (Algeria) as Rapporteur.

D. Adoption of the agenda

17. The Committee considered its agenda and the organisation of work at its 1st and 2nd meetings, on 5 and 7 March. It had before it the following documents:

(a) Provisional agenda (A/CONF.151/PC/1);

(b) Draft organization of work (A/CONF.151/PC/L.1);

(c) Note by the Chairman (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.1 and Rev.1 and 2).

18. At the 2nd meeting, on 7 March, the representative of Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77) proposed to revise the provisional agenda for the session by adding the words "on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions" at the end of agenda item 3.

19. At the same meeting, the Preparatory Committee adopted its provisional agenda, as orally revised. The agenda, as adopted, was as follows:

1. Election of officers.

2. Adoption of the agenda.

3. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions.

4. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee.

5. Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee.

20. At the same meeting, the representative of Guyana proposed to revise the note by the Chairman (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.1/Rev.1) by deleting sub-item (b).

21. The Preparatory Committee decided to consider the note by the Chairman (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.1/Rev.1), as orally revised, as a resource paper under agenda item 3. The paper was subsequently issued as document A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.1/Rev.2.

E. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions

22. The Preparatory Committee considered agenda item 3 at its 3rd to 14th meetings, from 7 to 16 March. It had before it the report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (A/CONF.151/PC/2 and Add.1).

23. The Preparatory Committee held a general discussion of the item at its 3rd to 5th meetings, on 7 and 8 March.

24. At its 3rd to 5th meetings, on 7 and 8 March, the Committee heard statements by the representatives of Sweden, Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Brazil, Algeria, India, Japan, Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Canada, Norway, Barbados and Australia, Finland, Colombia, Switzerland, Romania, China, Malaysia, New Zealand, Mexico and Austria, Singapore,

Egypt, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Argentina, the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Pakistan, the Byelorussian Soviet Socialist Republic, Uruguay, Bangladesh, Guyana and Nigeria.

25. At its 6th meeting, on 9 March, the Committee began its consideration of the report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (A/CONF.151/PC/2 and Add.1). The Secretary-General of the Conference made a statement.

26. At the same meeting, the Chairman introduced the note by the Chairman, as revised (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.1/Rev.2), and informed the Committee that the Secretariat would prepare four conference room papers on sub-items (b), (c), (d) and (e).

27. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Mexico, Norway, Switzerland, Japan, Canada, Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Cuba, Brazil, Bangladesh, Uganda, the Philippines, Barbados, Peru, Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Venezuela, Egypt, New Zealand, Sweden, Colombia, Algeria, Tunisia and Uruguay.

28. At the 7th meeting, on 12 March, statements were made by the representatives of the United States of America, Mauritania, Norway, Japan, Finland, Switzerland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Iceland, Algeria, Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Nigeria and Malawi.

29. For action taken by the Committee on the recommendations contained in the report of the Secretary-General (A/CONF.151/PC/2 and Add.1), see sections IV and V of the present report.

30. At the 8th meeting, on 13 March, the Secretary-General of the Conference introduced suggested guidelines concerning regional contributions to the preparatory process (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.2) and suggested guidelines for national participation (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.3).

31. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Malawi, Egypt, Mexico, Canada, Argentina, the Philippines, Norway, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Sweden, Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), New Zealand, Bangladesh, Pakistan, India and Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77).

32. Also at the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization, the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations, the World Health Organization, the World Meteorological Organization and the International Labour Organisation.

33. The representative of the Organization of American States also made a statement.

34. For action taken by the Committee on the suggested guidelines for national participation (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.3), see sections IV and V of the present report.

35. At the 9th meeting, on 14 March, the Secretary-General of the Conference introduced the suggested guidelines concerning the contributions of the United Nations Environment Programme, other organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and other relevant intergovernmental organizations to the preparations of the Conference (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.4) and the suggested guidelines on how relevant non-governmental organizations can make their contribution to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.5).

36. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Mexico, Cuba, the United States of America, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Norway, Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), India and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya.

37. Statements were also made by the representatives of the United Nations Environment Programme, the International Atomic Energy Agency, the World Bank and the United Nations Development Programme.

38. At the 10th meeting, on 14 March, statements were made by the representatives of Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Iceland, China, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Sweden (on behalf of the Nordic countries) and Canada.

39. At the 11th meeting, on 15 March, the Under-Secretary-General for International Economic and Social Affairs made a statement.

40. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Tunisia, Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), Peru, Pakistan, Brazil, Egypt, Cuba, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Norway, Canada, Papua New Guinea, Malta, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, Nigeria, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the United States of America, India and Mexico.

41. The representative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development also made a statement.

42. At the 12th meeting, on 15 March, the Secretary-General of the Conference introduced a note by the Secretariat on public information programmes (A/CONF.151/PC/2/Add.2).

1. Preparations for the Conference

43. At the 12th meeting, on 15 March, the representative of Ireland, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community, introduced a draft decision (A/CONF.151/PC/L.3) entitled "Preparations for the Conference".

2. Organization of work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

44. At the 12th meeting, on 15 March, the representative of Bolivia, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77, introduced a draft resolution (A/CONF.151/PC/L.4) entitled "Organization of work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development" and orally corrected operative paragraph 8 by replacing the words "and to request the Secretary-General" by the words "and requests the Secretary-General".

45. At the same meeting, statements were made by the representatives of China, Sweden, Japan, Canada, Bahrain, Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community), the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, the Ukrainian Soviet Socialist Republic, Australia, Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77) and Malta.

46. At the 14th meeting, on 16 March, statements were made by the representatives of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, France, Sweden, Brazil, Bolivia, (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77), Japan, Colombia, Argentina, Venezuela, Norway, Nigeria, Mozambique, Bahrain, Barbados, Mexico, Tunisia, Egypt, Canada, Kenya, Peru, Trinidad and Tobago, India, Mauritania, Guyana and Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community).

47. At the same meeting, the representative of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Finance of the Secretariat responded to questions raised.

48. Also at the same meeting, the Secretary-General of the Conference responded to questions raised.

F. Arrangements for future sessions

49. At its 14th meeting, on 16 March, the Preparatory Committee decided to hold its first session at Nairobi from 6 to 31 August 1990.

G. Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee

50. At its 14th meeting, on 16 March, the Preparatory Committee adopted its provisional agenda (A/CONF.151/PC/1) for the first session, as orally revised.

III. ADOPTION OF THE REPORT OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION

51. At the 14th meeting, on 16 March, the Rapporteur of the Preparatory Committee introduced and orally revised the draft report of the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.151/PC/L.2 and Add.1 and 2). The Committee then decided to entrust the Rapporteur to finalize the report in the light of the comments made and the decisions taken at its final meeting.

52. The representative of Tunisia expressed the reservation of his delegation pending the distribution in all official languages of the draft report of the Preparatory Committee, as orally revised. The representative of France stated that his delegation's approval of the draft report was subject to the correct translation of the revised text into French.

53. At the same meeting, the representative of the Office of Programme Planning, Budget and Finance made a statement.

54. At the same meeting, after the adoption of the resolution on organization of work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (see sect. V of the present report), the representative of Ireland, on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community, stated that the working group to be set up under paragraph 6 of the resolution will have to deal with legal matters and institutional matters respectively, in two sub-groups. He also added that, in the view of the Community and its member States, the expression "legal, institutional and all related matters", included matters relating to the implementation of the Conference decisions.

IV. MATTERS CALLING FOR ACTION BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

55. The Preparatory Committee recommends to the General Assembly for its consideration and appropriate action the following draft decision:

Secretariat for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

The General Assembly decides that the secretariat for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development shall have the following mandates and responsibilities:

(a) To provide the secretariat support for the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and its Bureau and each of the working groups. This would include responsibility for organizing meetings of the Preparatory Committee, its Bureau and working groups, co-ordination of documentation for them and provision of necessary administrative and substantive support for their work, including organizing and overseeing contributions of consultants and expert groups;

(b) To co-ordinate support from the United Nations system required by the Preparatory Committee for the Conference, including the provision of progress reports and information about the activities of the United Nations system in areas related to the preparatory process, as well as from the Preparatory Committee to the system on the progress of the preparatory process;

(c) To provide appropriate support to the regional commissions in holding regional conferences in accordance with section II, paragraph 13, of General Assembly resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989, enabling them to contribute fully to the work of the Preparatory Committee in the Conference;

(d) To provide progress reports and information to the Preparatory Committee regarding relevant work carried out by other organizations and in other forums, and close co-ordination with such organizations and forums, including information to them on the progress of the preparatory process, keeping in mind in that respect the importance of regional activities;

(e) To co-ordinate a programme of public information for the Conference in co-operation with the Department of Public Information of the Secretariat, and in relation thereto, to provide ongoing contact and relationships with the media;

(f) To take measures providing for the active contribution by non-governmental organizations to the preparatory process and the Conference, in accordance with the guidelines to be established by the Preparatory Committee.

V. MATTERS BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

56. The Preparatory Committee brings the following resolution to the attention of the General Assembly:

Organization of work of the Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development

The Preparatory Committee,

Stressing the importance of full compliance with General Assembly resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 on the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development and other relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Recalling the mandate entrusted to the Preparatory Committee by General Assembly resolution 44/228 for all the issues contained therein,

Noting that ongoing negotiating processes are being held within the United Nations system on environmental issues,

Stressing that environmental and developmental issues should be dealt with in an integrated manner, pursuant to General Assembly resolution 44/228,

1. Decides to review and assess the ongoing negotiating processes in the field of environment;

2. Invites the forums of such ongoing negotiating processes to report regularly on their activities to the substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee, in accordance with the guidelines and requirements established by it;

3. Decides also that, in accordance with section II, paragraphs 8 and 9, of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and other relevant resolutions, the plenary of the Preparatory Committee shall, inter alia:

(a) Establish, in the light of the above paragraphs, appropriate guidelines for the provision of progress reports and other information on the negotiations taking place under the auspices of the United Nations Environment Programme, other organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system, as well as other relevant intergovernmental organizations, to enable them to contribute fully to the preparations for the Conference;

(b) Provide appropriate recommendations to the negotiating processes on the basis of information provided by the relevant forums in order to enhance the interaction between the Preparatory Committee and such forums;

(c) Deal with cross-sectoral issues on a broad basis, such as technology, finance, institutions and legal matters, taking into account the work of the working groups and other relevant sources, with a view to ensuring that environment and development issues are treated in a consistent and integrated manner within the context of the ongoing processes and of the tasks assigned to subsidiary bodies;

(d) Consider the drafting of a final declaration of the Conference as well as other possible decisions and recommendations;

(e) Review the work of its subsidiary bodies or working structures and establish guidelines for their work;

4. Decides to establish two open-ended working groups to assist the Preparatory Committee in fulfilling its mandate in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228 and other relevant General Assembly resolutions;

5. Decides that the working groups should assist the Preparatory Committee so that it can provide overall guidance to the whole preparatory process in which strategies and measures will be elaborated for national and international action, with a view to arriving at the Conference at specific agreements and commitments by Governments and international organizations for defined activities on environment and development, specifying targets and timetables and providing the basis for concrete action plans, in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228;

6. Decides also to deal, in accordance with the relevant paragraphs of General Assembly resolution 44/228, with legal, institutional and all related matters in an open-ended working group to be set up at an appropriate time;

7. Decides further that the working groups, in carrying out their tasks, under the authority of the Preparatory Committee, shall:

(a) Meet in conjunction with the substantive sessions of the Preparatory Committee, at the same venue, and submit progress reports to the Committee on their ongoing work, and that no more than two working groups shall meet simultaneously;

(b) Integrate in an appropriate manner the developments in the ongoing negotiating processes in the United Nations system on environmental issues with the work of the Preparatory Committee, by addressing them in an interrelated manner with the development aspect;

(c) Examine, in the context of the relevant economic sectors and measures, appropriate strategies and policies;

(d) Submit draft proposals for the consideration of the Preparatory Committee;

8. Decides, in fulfilling their mandates in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228, that each of the two working groups should ensure an integrated approach to environment and development questions, taking into account matters such as the patterns of consumption and production, access to and transfers of environmentally sound technology, financial resources requirements, human resources development, economic instruments, attainment of food security in the context of a sustainable development of agriculture, institutional arrangements, the improvement of the living and working environment of the poor in urban slums and rural areas, through eradicating poverty, inter alia, by implementing integrated rural and urban development programmes, as well as taking other appropriate measures at all levels

necessary to stem the degradation of the environment, protect human health conditions and improve the quality of life;

9. Decides also to allocate to the two working groups issues such as:

Working Group I:

(a) Protection of the atmosphere by combating climate change, depletion of the ozone layer and transboundary air pollution;

(b) Protection and management of land resources by, inter alia, combating deforestation, desertification and drought;

(c) Conservation of biological diversity;

(d) Environmentally sound management of biotechnology;

Working Group II:

(a) Protection of the oceans and all kinds of seas, including enclosed and semi-enclosed seas, and of coastal areas and the protection, rational use and development of their living resources;

(b) Protection of the quality and supply of freshwater resources;

(c) Environmentally sound management of wastes, particularly hazardous wastes, and of toxic chemicals, as well as prevention of illegal international traffic in toxic and dangerous products and wastes;

10. Requests the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee to present, as appropriate, on the basis of consultations with the Bureau, specific reports for each of the working groups with concrete recommendations on their agenda and programme of work.

57. The Preparatory Committee brings the following decisions to the attention of the General Assembly:

DECISION I

Secretariat support and related arrangements and regional contributions to the preparatory process

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development takes note of the report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development (A/CONF.151/PC/2 and Add.1) and the note by the Secretariat (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.2), and decides, in accordance with section II, paragraph 13, of General Assembly resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989, to hold regional conferences on environment and development in all regions and to integrate the results of these regional conferences in the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, and decides also that, when possible, the regional conferences should submit their final

reports no later than the second substantive session of the Preparatory Committee.

DECISION II

Guidelines for national participation

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development takes note of the Secretariat's suggestions for guidelines for national participation (A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.3), and requests the Secretariat to compile the relevant information and prepare detailed guidelines on the preparation of national reports for submission to the Preparatory Committee for its consideration at its first session.

DECISION III

Establishment and operations of the voluntary fund

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development decides, in accordance with section II, paragraph 15, of General Assembly resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989 to open the voluntary fund for voluntary contributions for the purpose of supporting developing countries, in particular the least developed countries, to participate in the preparatory process from the first session of the Preparatory Committee, and requests the Secretary-General to bring the fund to the attention of Member States and to report on the operations of the fund to the Preparatory Committee at its first substantive session.

DECISION IV

Non-governmental organizations

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, noting that:

(a) In resolution 44/228, section II, paragraph 12, the General Assembly requested relevant non-governmental organizations in consultative status with the Economic and Social Council to contribute to the Conference, as appropriate;

(b) In section II, paragraph 11, of the same resolution, the General Assembly invited all States to take an active part in the preparations for the Conference, to prepare national reports, as appropriate, to be submitted to the Preparatory Committee in a timely manner and to promote international co-operation and broad-based national preparatory processes involving the scientific community, industry, trade unions and concerned non-governmental organizations;

(c) In paragraph 33 of his report to the Preparatory Committee (A/CONF.151/PC/2), the Secretary-General stated that the community of non-governmental organizations had an extensive network and keen interest in a

wide range of environmental and development issues, which could enrich and enhance the deliberations of the Conference and its preparatory process through its contributions and serve as an important channel to disseminate its results, as well as to promote the integration of environmental and development policies at the national and the international levels, and that it is therefore important that non-governmental organizations contribute effectively to the success of the Conference and its preparatory process;

Decides that the Secretariat should submit to the Preparatory Committee at its first session suggested arrangements for involving the non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process for the Conference in accordance with General Assembly resolution 44/228 and, at a later stage, make suggestions regarding the participation of the non-governmental organizations at the Conference itself.

DECISION V

Guidelines concerning the contributions of the United Nations Environment Programme, other organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and relevant intergovernmental organizations to the preparations for the Conference

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development decides to adopt the following guidelines with regard to contributions of the United Nations system and other intergovernmental organizations active in the field of environment and development relevant to the preparatory process for the Conference:

(a) The Preparatory Committee should make full use of all relevant work under way or mandated in organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and in relevant intergovernmental organizations, inasmuch as such work relates to the mandate of the Conference;

(b) In taking into account the relevant work under way in the United Nations system, the Preparatory Committee may wish to identify at an early stage of its work:

(i) Activities that relate directly to the objectives of the Conference;

(ii) Activities that, while generally supportive of the objectives of the Conference, may need to be complemented;

(iii) Gaps that may need to be filled in accordance with the objectives of the Conference;

(iv) Specific actions that the Preparatory Committee might expect the Conference to take;

(v) Measures to be taken during the preparatory process to facilitate those actions;

(c) The interactive nature of the process should be guided by the requirements the Preparatory Committee may have in the final drafting of the decisions to be submitted to the Conference;

(d) The Preparatory Committee, in accordance with section II, paragraphs 1 and 9, of General Assembly resolution 44/228 of 22 December 1989, should, on the basis of the analysis outlined in (b) above, transmit its views, recommendations and guidelines related to the Conference to the relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system so as to facilitate and enhance ongoing and effective co-ordination of the preparatory process and full integration of all pertinent activities, in the light of the Conference mandate;

(e) The Preparatory Committee may then wish to invite the organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system in turn to examine its recommendations related to the Conference and take them into account in the evolution of their work programmes, in order to ensure, to the extent possible, that their respective activities are mutually supportive and complementary;

(f) The interactive nature of the process should also guide the relationships between the secretariat of the Conference and those of the relevant organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and relevant intergovernmental organizations through close co-operation;

(g) For those many intergovernmental organizations outside the United Nations system that have important contributions to make, especially at the regional level, the Secretariat should explore various ways to secure those contributions and integrate them fully with those of the system in so far as they are relevant to the agenda and contribute to action-oriented decisions of the Conference.

DECISION VI

Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development decides to adopt the following agenda for its first session:

1. Adoption of the agenda.

2. Preparations for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development on the basis of General Assembly resolution 44/228 and taking into account other relevant General Assembly resolutions:*

   (a) Activities of the Conference secretariat: report of the Secretary-General of the Conference;

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* The secretariat of the Conference will prepare reports for the consideration of the Committee of sub-items (a) to (g).

(b) Overview of the activities of the United Nations system;

(c) Recent actions of intergovernmental and other bodies of relevance to the preparatory process;

(d) Preparations at the national level: guidelines for national reports;

(e) Preparations at the regional level;

(f) Arrangements for the effective contributions of relevant non-governmental organizations in the preparatory process;

(g) Operations of the voluntary fund;

(h) Reports of the working groups.

3. Arrangements for future sessions of the Preparatory Committee.

4. Provisional agenda for the second session of the Preparatory Committee.

5. Adoption of the report of the Preparatory Committee.

DECISION VII

Dates of the first session of the Preparatory Committee

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development decides to hold its first session from 6 to 31 August 1990.

ANNEX

Documents before the Preparatory Committee at its organizational session

Symbol	Agenda item	Title or description
A/CONF.151/PC/1	2	Provisional agenda
A/CONF.151/PC/2	3	Report of the Secretary-General on the preparatory process for the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
A/CONF.151/PC/2/Add.1	3	Report of the Secretary-General on secretariat support and related arrangements
A/CONF.151/PC/2/Add.2	3	Note by the Secretariat on public information programmes
A/CONF.151/PC/3	5	Provisional agenda for the first session of the Preparatory Committee
A/CONF.151/PC/L.1		Note by the Secretariat on the draft organization of work
A/CONF.151/PC/L.2 and Add.1 and 2		Draft report of the Preparatory Committee
A/CONF.151/PC/L.3	3	Draft decision submitted by Ireland (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the European Community)
A/CONF.151/PC/L.4	3	Draft resolution submitted by Bolivia (on behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77)
A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.1 and Rev.1 and 2	2	Note by the Chairman
A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.2	3	Note by the Secretariat on suggested guidelines concerning regional contributions to the preparatory process
A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.3	3	Note by the Secretariat on suggested guidelines for national participation
A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.4	3	Note by the Secretariat on suggested guidelines concerning the contributions of the United Nations Environment Programme, other organs, organizations and programmes of the United Nations system and other relevant intergovernmental organizations to the preparations of the Conference

Symbol	Agenda item	Title or description
A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.5	3	Note by the Secretariat on suggested guidelines on how relevant non-governmental organizations can make their contribution to the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development
A/CONF.151/PC/CRP.6	3	Contribution of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden to the deliberations of the Committee, under agenda item 3

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